

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ECO-CLUBS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage schools and colleges to set up Eco-clubs to sensitise students on global warming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any scheme has been drawn up to train teachers in climate control techniques;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): National Curriculum Framework 2005 has recommended teaching of Environmental Education (EE) as a core subject integrated into all the curricular subjects at all stages of school education. Eco-Club is one of the recommended activities to sensitise students about environmental concerns such as global warming. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has written to its affiliated schools regarding environmental protection through eco-clubs. Colleges are autonomous to set up eco-clubs.

(c) to (e): NCERT has developed projects and other teacher training modules for the teachers on environmental education. CBSE has prepared teachers' manuals for Classes I to VIII and Class IX in environmental education. UGC is providing assistance for orientation and refresher courses in environment education for university and college teachers through academic staff colleges.